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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PROJECTS FOR TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS APPROACHED US FOR CLARIFICATION OF PROPER TERMINOLOGY REGARDING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, GIVEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, FOR USE IN THE PREPARATION OF AN ESCAP/ITC PROJECT PROPOSAL. SPECIFICALLY: (A) IS THE TRUST TERRITORY STILL ADMINISTRED AS AN ENTITY? (B) ARE THE ADMINIS-TRATIVE SUB-UNITS PROPERLY DESCRIBED AS "DISTRICTS"? (C) ARE THE NORTHERN MARIANAS STILL PROPERLY REGARDED AS A "DISTRICT"? (D) WHAT EFFECT HAVE THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS HAD ON THE LOCATION OF THE CAPITAL OF THE TRUST TERROTIRY?

2. UNCTAD HAS ALSO RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE UN RESREP IN FIJI REQUESTING A SURVEY OF THE COST BENEFITS AND ECONOMIES WHICH MIGHT BE REALIZED THROUGH INTEGRATION IN MICRONESIA. THE RESREP PROPOSES A 4-6 WEEK STUDY INCLUDING VISITS TO "ALL DISTRICTS." FOR PLANNING PURPOSES UNCTAD WISHES TO KNOW IF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE DISTRICTS.

3. AS THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION ABOUT THE EVOLVING POLITICAL SITUATION IN TRUST TERRITORY CONSISTS ONLY OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DOCUMENTS, WE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT FORMULATE PRECISE RESPONSES TO THE FOREGOING QUES-TIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. CATTO

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